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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BR

SUBJECT: SOUTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

REF: BRASILIA 262

1. "DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS" ARTICLE ALLEGING US  
SPONSORSHIP OR SUPPORT OF AN ALLEGED SATO IS NOT YET  
AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT. EVEN SO, BASED ON WIRE SERVICE  
ACCOUNTS OF ITS CONTENT, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IF ASKED  
WILL TAKE FOLLOWING LINE:

2. QUOTE--ANY ALLEGATION THAT THE USG, IN ANY WAY, IS  
PROMOTING OR FOSTERING CREATION OF A SUPPOSED "SOUTH  
ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION" IS UNTRUE. NOR HAS THE USG  
DISCUSSED SUCH AN ENTERPRISE WITH ANY OF THE GOVERNMENTS  
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SAID TO BE INTERESTED IN IT. UNQUOTE

3. THIS STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY WILL NOT SQUELCH PERSISTENT,  
SELF-GENERATING SPECULATION THAT WE SOMEHOW WOULD LOOK  
WITH FAVOR ON THE FORMATION OF A SATO, OR THAT IT IS  
LOGICAL AT SOME POINT SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD EMERGE  
FROM THE PERCEIVED SOVIET-CUBAN THREAT IN THE SOUTH

ATLANTIC, OR EVEN THAT NATO OR US DEFENSE PLANNING MIGHT  
AT SOME POINT COME TO VIEW A SATO ARRANGEMENT AS A SERIOUS  
OPTION.

4. THAT IS SOMETHING WE WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH. IN THE  
MEANTIME, WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IF THE COUNTRIES OF  
THE REGION SHOULD SEE SUCH A STRUCTURE AS CONVENIENT, ITS  
CREATION IS FOR THEM TO DECIDE. THE US FOR ITS PART WILL  
REMAIN ALOOF FROM ANY SUCH SCHEME.  
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